(b) if so, what is the amount of loan and assistance received from various international agencies; and

(c) what is the mode of expenditure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) A World Bank team visited India in November, 1993 to study the possibility of providing assistance for reconstruction in the districts affected by recent quake in Maharashtra. The size of the assistance will be available only after finalisation of the appraisal report.

(b) Information is being collected.

(c) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

Rehabilitation of Children Orphaned due to Earthquake

130. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of children orphaned due to the recent earthquake in Maharashtra;

(b) what steps are being taken to rehabilitate the orphaned children;

(c) what is the number of people killed; and

(d) what is the number of houses needed to be built and the cost thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) 140.

(b) The State Government has a rehabilitation plan for rehabilitating orphaned children in geographically and socially familar environment.

(c) 7601.

(d) 30,000 houses need to be built on new sites at a very preliminary estimated cost of Rs. 475 crores, besides repairs of the damaged houses.

Assistance Received from Different Sources for Earthquake Relief

131. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount of financial assistance, both cash and kind, received from different sources, source-wise, for the rehabilitation of people hit by earthquake in Maharashtra;

(b) what is the amount of above assistance spent so far;

(c) the number of people rehabilitated and the houses built so far;

(d) the number of houses destroyed and the number of people rendered homeless; and

(e) the reasons for taking funds from the public in view of aid from World Bank ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The information is being collected.

(b) Govt. of Maharashtra have so far incurred an expenditure of approx. Rs. 38.00 crores on relief and rehabilitation measures in the earthquake affected areas.

(c) All the victims of the earthquake have been provided with temporary shelters. No permanent houses have so far been built.

(d) The earthquake destroyed 18797 houses completely rendering more than 30,000 families homeless.

(e) While World Bank loan is only in the stage of negotiations, numerous voluntary and non governmental organisations and other donor agencies have come forward voluntarily to contribute towards the relief and rehabilitation measures in the affected areas.

New Crop Insurance Scheme

132. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce new crop insurance scheme in the country from the forth-coming Rabi season;